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Applicants : Mark Holst et al.
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For : EFFLUENT GAS STREAM TREATMENT
SYSTEM HAVING UTILITY FOR OXIDATION
TREATMENT OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING
EFFLUENT GASES

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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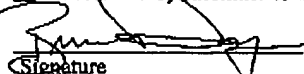
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed February 23, 2005 in which a three-month period for response expired on May 23, 2005. After granting the Request for a three-month extension of time, the response period will expire on August 23, 2005.

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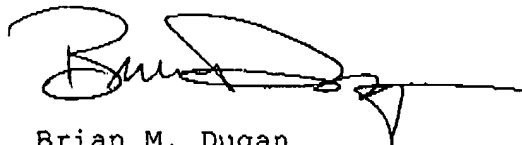
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Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension fee.

No other fees are believed necessary, however if additional fees are required please charge deposit account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully submitted,

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